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1. DURING PAST TWO DAYS MAIN EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS
HAVE REPORTED DEPARTURE FROM BERLIN AND ARRIVAL IN
MOSCOW OF NEWLY-APPOINTED GDR FORMIN OSKAR FISCHER
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY INCLUDING HERMANN AXEN. THESE
REPORTS STATE THAT THE GDR DELEGATION IS MEETING WITH
SOVIET FORMIN GROMYKO, THE SECRETARY OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE A SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY
KONSTANTIN F. KATUSCHEV, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY, KONSTANTIN W. RUSSAKOV.

IN ADDITION IT IS REPORTED THAT HARRY OTT, EAST
GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW AND MICHIAL JEFREMOV, USSR

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AMBASSADOR IN THE GDR HAVE BEEN PRESENT AT THESE

MEETINGS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS
AMONG THE MAJOR TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED. NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND REPORTS JANUARY 29 THAT BOTH PARTIES AGREED
THAT THE CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY REPRESENTS
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELAXATION OF TENSIONS. IN WHAT
APPEARS TO BE AT LEAST IN PART AN INDIRECT REFERENCE
TO EAST GERMANY'S RECOGNITION BY OTHER COUNTRIES
OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE MEETING ALSO IS
REPORTED TO HAVE DISCUSSED THE POSITIVE CHANGES IN
THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION REALIZED THROUGH THE
COMMON EFFORTS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO CONSOLIDATE,
INCREASE AND MAKE IRREVERSIBLE THE MOVEMENT TOWARD DETENTE.COOPER

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